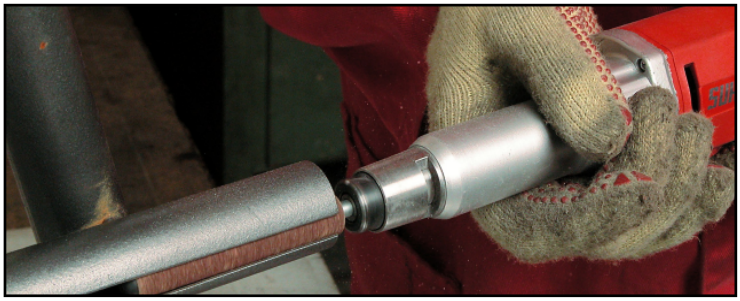
Firm is fired up over success



SPELL OF QUALITY ...Jeff Sirrs, left, and sales manager John Beer.



Type / Model- No.	Part-No.	Motor	Speed 1/min	Collet*	Weight kg
USC 9R	111 079	240V 500 W	4000 - 9000	6mm	1.4

Compact, fully variable speed low speed die grinder. Ideal for surface finishing of stainless steel. Low speed is ideally suited for abrasives such as flap wheels, mixed or kombi wheels, fleece wheels, non woven wheels, clean 'n strip discs and many more.



Type / Model- No.	Part-No.	Motor	Speed 1/min	Collet*	Weight kg
USK 6R	111 196	240V 1530 W	2800 - 5800	12mm	2.9

Heavy duty, high performance, fully variable low speed barrel grinder, buffing machine. Ideal for buffing and polishing applications in combination with rag mops, sisal mops, swansdown mops, colour mops, airflow mops, cool-air mops for stainless steel and aluminium polishing. Max. mop diameter. 100mm (4").

STEEL glazing specialist Multi Firescreens Systems has won recognition for the way they protect buildings against fire.

The Hayling Island-based firm has achieved accreditation under the Warrington Fire Research FIRAS framework – a national standard seal of approval – that ensures installers use only appropriate steel framed and fire resistant glazing.

The company is one of only about 12 in the country who fabricate and install fire resistant glazing to be singled out to use the quality mark and Director Jeff Sirrs views FIRAS as an invaluable addition to his industry, and one which he says should be a pre-requisite for all installers of fire-rated steel glazing systems.

He said: “We take our responsibilities to clients and to professional specifiers who recommend our systems extremely seriously and see this scheme as a vital additional safeguard.”

The company has a rolling training programme with FIRAS with more qualified installation personnel than any other installer in the South of England. Added Jeff: “No matter how good products are, poorly installed their fire protection performance can be severely reduced. Because FIRAS standards are designed in at every stage we are subject to random site visits to check conformance to best practice.

“We feel that this accreditation is helping to make it easier for purchasers to feel confident to buy services from us.”

Jeff spent more than 11 years working for other people in the business and six years ago he thought the time was right to go out on his own.

He started the business with three people and since then the company has evolved and expanded to the stage where it now has 12 employees and has emerged as a major player in its markets. "Our current level of growth is most encouraging, and we are forecasting a further 20 per cent in 2009. Eventually, we will be looking to relocate, but we are determined to stay in the Hampshire area and to continue contributing to the local economy," he said.

Glass is a sophisticated and versatile product on which building designers rely heavily for aesthetics, performance and protection. Specialist glasses that offer fire resistance from 30 minutes up to 120 minutes integrity and insulation allow innovative architectural concepts to become a reality if installed correctly.

Fire resistant frame and door systems are manufactured from either mild steel or stainless steel profiles that can be provided in a variety of finishes. And it's not without a little help from Suhner.

Sales manager John Beer said: “We draw on a variety of tools from orbital and belt sanders to grinders which cover a range of activities that are key to producing a brushed finish.

“We’d been to a company exhibition in Switzerland where all the machinery being used was Suhner’s – and what they were using was better than what we had. It’s down to quality and we can’t afford to send out anything unless it’s right.

"We spend more time ensuring that everything is done right first time. It is important that our work promotes the quality and service we offer," added John who believes the other key to their success is flexibility and an ability to respond to very short lead times.

The company supplies regularly to universities and hospitals, their work can be seen at Heathrow Airport’s Terminal 5, Sandown Racecourse, National Air Traffic Control’s corporate and technical centre at Whiteley, near Fareham and Ipswich Town Football Club .

They are also a bit of an expert on the different levels of bullet resistant glass, providing products for the Ministry of Defence.